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Weather: sunny periods

4th student from China at Niagara

By RENE MCKNIGHT
Staff Writer

Niagara College will play host to another Chinese student, making him the fourth to be educated here since last year. Guo Xiauma will arrive tomorrow to begin his six-month training at Niagara, Nicole Vigeant, administrator of international affairs, said.

Mr. Guo will enrol in a business program for the duration of the school year.

"It is the college's job to prepare him for university where he will be training in a business program, working towards the degree of master of business administration," Miss Vigeant said.

The 30-year-old student will train in Canada until 1987 when he will return to China to teach at the Chengdu Management Training school. There he will tutor others in business management who, in turn will teach other students.

AT UNIVERSITY

The project is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency which also sponsored the venture for four other students last November. Three of those students attend university now; one has returned to China.

The Chinese are hoping this project will help stimulate the economy through the development of new skills and techniques in the business sector. It will, as well, improve international trade and stability in the Chengdu province.

The Association of Community Colleges will manage the project for Mr. Guo. He has been in an English language instruction course in Montreal since early November. ACCC is looking for a family to billet the student for two or three weeks until a permanent home is found.

NIAGARA FIRST

Miss Vigeant said she is very excited about the new visitor. Niagara was the first college to

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Ho!Ho!Ho!

The best way to end a Christmas shopping trip with mom is to visit the big bearded friendly man dressed in red. This youngster sitting with Santa at Seaway mall is getting ready to tell Santa all of his Christmas wishes. Children of all ages are counting the days — eight right now — until Santa comes to visit their house.

Photo by Sandra Lockhart

Five enter athletics byelection

Five candidates are running for the position of vice-president of athletics in a byelection Jan. 10.

Brad Chatwin resigned last month for medical reasons.

Nominated for vice-president of athletics are: Bob Barker, Michael Knoll, John Shaw, Michael Avetissian and Bryan Gillespie. Michael Knoll was not available for an interview or photograph.

Bob Barker, 21, a third-year industrial management student from Fort Erie, who is a member of the 1984-85 Niagara Knights varsity hockey team, said he would like to make the student body more aware of intramural sports and get more student participation.

Bob said he has a "personal interest" in the position because he is on a team and knows a lot of people involved in college sports.

"I would be more committed to the job," he said.

Michael Avetissian, 24, a third-year personnel management and industrial relations student from Hamilton, said he was already involved with SAC by volunteering his time for the Ethiopia Fund Drive and will be host for the Legs contest in January.

Michael, who was president of the Niagara Business Management Association for two years, said he "hopes they take an active part to help council in other endeavors such as business and the social aspects and work with council as a team."

"Sports is another avenue to build up school spirit by promotion and getting people out there to support their teams," Michael said.

John Shaw, 19, a first-year business administration student from Simcoe, Ont., was a class representative for his high school's student council and is involved in intramural sports.

John said he would like to become more involved with school activities because he feels "school spirit starts with sports."

Bryan Gillespie, 22, a second-year mechanical engineering technician, who tutors students in

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What if there were ...

A skinny, cranky Santa Claus?

By DOLORES IANNANTUONO
Staff Writer

Mistletoe and eggnog are all very well, but the highlight of any Christmas party is when the guest of honor arrives.

Everyone knows the life of the party is good old St. Nick. But what happens if your Santa is a dud? Could a Christmas party possibly survive with an unjolly Santa Claus?

To avoid this embarrassing situation, Alison Love, advertising and promotions manager of the Seaway Mall, suggests drawing up guidelines for hiring a good Santa.

Ms. Love has had a lot of experience in the field in that she has hired the Santa for the Seaway Mall for the past few years.

One of the most important necessities of a qualified Santa is a good "Ho Ho Ho." It should be jolly, yet not loud, in order not to scare timid people away.

This jolly old soul should be naturally padded. If, however, he is lacking in this area, a pillow or two may do the trick.

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Holy Name School students tell how to cook a Christmas turkey — with some comical results. See pages 6, 7.

Melissa was only three

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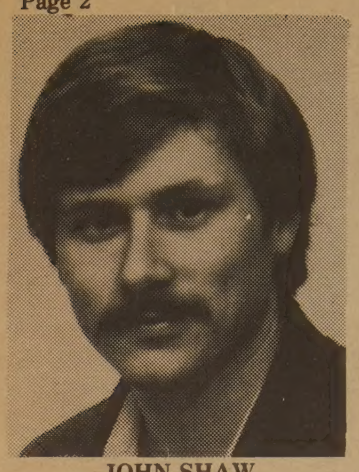
Niagara Knights

The Knights hockey team keep first place in their league with the Dec. 8 victory. See page 11.



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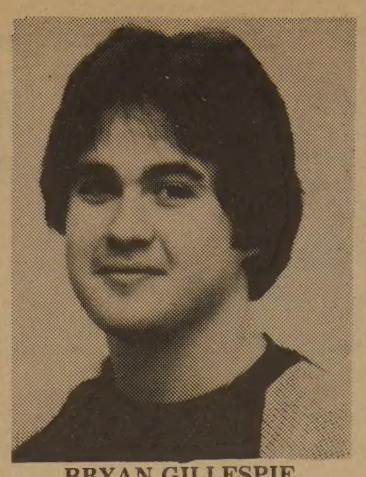

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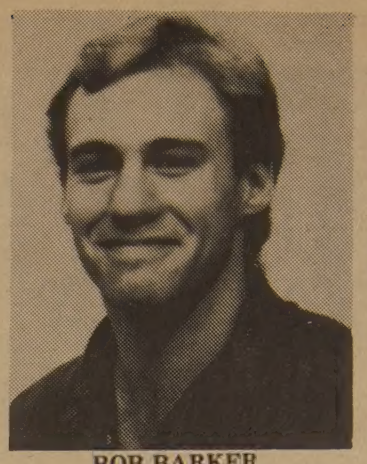

BOB BARKER

Elections

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his spare time, said he can handle the position.

If elected, Bryan said he would learn the job and do it to the best of his ability and "make sure it runs smoothly."

SAC president John Turner said the position of vice-president of athletics requires no formal training. The person elected is responsible for creating student awareness about varsity athletics and planning excursions, such as skiing, outside the college.

Students dress for bicentennial jubilee

Dressed in costumes created last year as part of the fasion arts program's bicentennial project, Maura Hamil, costume design instructor, and six fashion arts students volunteered their services at a Bicentennial Medal presentation ceremony held Sunday Dec. 9, at White Oaks Inn, Niagara-on-the Lake.

The medals, identical to the medal presented to the Queen honoring Ontario's bicentennial year, were presented to volunteers who contributed their time and efforts "to build a better society and enrich the lives of others." The presentations were made by local members of the provincial parliament.

The six fasion arts students at the presentation were: Marryanne Goodman, Lisa Kotris, Monica Hepburn and Arlene Machado, second-year students, and Gabrielle Inniss and Monica Cullip, first-year students. Miss Goodman was the only student to wear her own costume. The other costumes, which were made by last year's second-year students, were altered to fit this year's models.

Robert S. Welch, deputy premier, represented the Ontario government at the ceremony. In all there were 73 recipients at the presentation along with members from several historical societies throughout the Niagara Region, present to display their bicentennial projects.

Marryanne Goodman said the fashion arts girls "worked hard as attendants" greeting guests at the door and handing out pamphlets that listed medal recipients and descriptions of the various projects on display. She said many people commented on the costumes "made from original patterns" of clothing of the early history of Canada.

St. Nick

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Of course, Santa must be sympathetic and a good listener.

Although it is necessary for him to listen to everyone's Christmas list, he must not make any promises which cannot be kept.

Ms. Love suggests training Santa to say, "Santa will do the best he can."

In choosing a good Santa, one must find someone who will try to maintain the proper image. "You don't want your Santa to be the one to disillusion people and break their hearts."

Finally, make sure the Santa you choose has a good reliable set of reindeer. Ms. Love was lucky enough to find a Santa with top notch reindeer. The leader is none other than Rudolph, whose shiny nose can be seen in the skylight over Santa's chair.

Hauck wins retail prize

Deborah Hauck, a second year retail management student, has won a cash prize of $750 and recognition as an overall outstanding student.

The prestigious Woolco-Woolworth Award is given annually to students who have completed the first year of the retail management program and have been found exceptional both academically and in community involvement.

Deborah, 19, of 4 Ross St. St. Catharines, achieved first class honors in her first year of college. She was also vice-president of the retail management club in 1983 and its president this year.

She gained extensive experience in the retail field through a succession of part-time jobs.

She still found time to do volunteer work in the community. She worked with underprivileged children and served as a volunteer counsellor for the Association for Children with Learning Disabilties.

Deborah is part owner of Kettle Creek Canvas Company, a Unisex Fasion store which has just moved to Port Dalhousie.

New calendar available now

The new Niagara College school calendar is available in the Admissions Office.

The calendar, listing all the programs at the college and imformation about them, is distributed to high schools to inform prospective students of available programs. Students may purchase it for $3, but free copies of individual program imformation are available.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, called the new calendar an improvement while introducing it at the Nov. 22 Board of Governors meeting. The new binder format is less expensive and more efficient for the college to produce and change when necessary, she said.

Chinese

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have an exchange student from China. Last year there were about 40 students in Canada.

Anyone interested in billeting the Chinese student can contact Miss Vigeant at extension 617.

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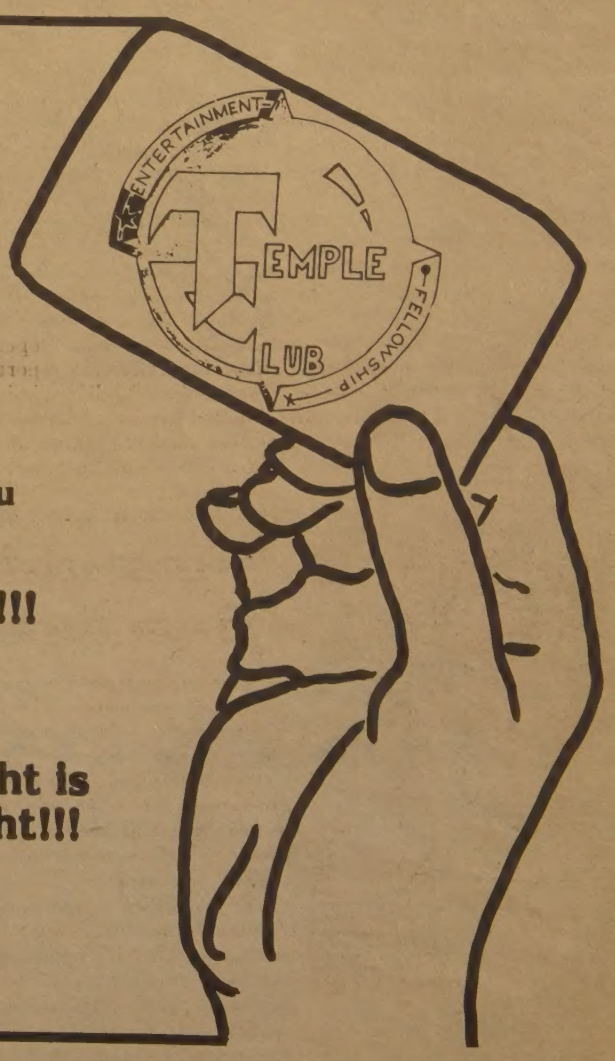

Hospitality Centre under study next year

A consolidation of all Niagara College's hospitality programs under one roof could become a reality.

A proposal for a Niagara College Hospitality Centre was prosented to the Board of Governors Nov. 22 as part of the report of the finance, property and academic affairs committee. The college is seeking $40,000 for a feasibility study of the proposal.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said staff was looking into the possibilities of the project.

"Nothing's for sure," she said, "not even the study at this point." The study would not begin until after the new year at least, depending on the availability of funding.

Although the centre would probably be just for education, Miss Robarts said, staff were going to look into other functions. The centre could be used for meetings and seminars allowing the students to serve real guests. "You always perform better when you're doing it for someone."

NEW BUILDING?

The establishment of the centre, possibly in a new building, would be less expensive and more efficient, the committee was told. It would increase morale and upgrade training to have all the programs together instead of spread over three campuses as they are now.

Programs that would be based in the centre include: tourism and tourisme circuits et attraits touristiques from the Welland campus, the adult training courses in basic and advanced food preparation, the food and beverage serving program and the basic cook apprenticeship program from Welland Vale, and the advanced cook apprenticeship program and hotel and restaurant administration program in Niagara Falls at the Rainbow Centre.

Bill Stanyer, retiring Board of Governors chairman said, referring to a centre in Niagara Falls, "I couldn't see a better place to have it. It's only fair because we already have campuses in St. Catharines and Welland."

The proposal said Niagara College had made a good start in training for the tourism industry, which is becoming the largest on the continent. More is needed for the future though, such as the eatablishment of a model centre for training.

Programs teach skills for working with aged

Niagara College is offering one program and possibly a second to teach skills that will be beneficial to people working with senior citizens.

"We have never had a program that has had such an enthusiastic response," Robert Baddeley, chairman of the allied health division, said of the existing program, Gerontology-Multidiscipline (post diploma) which began in September, 1983. By this January, 110 people will have completed some of the courses in the program.

This program will be especially beneficial to people holding a diploma or degree in health or social services and other related fields such as nutritionists, nursing home administrators and volunteer workers.

The proposed sister program, Working With the Aged-Multidiscipline (post certificate), has been approved by the academic affairs committee of the Board of Governors but must go before the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for final approval. If approved, the program may be offered as soon as September, 1985.

Gerontology students spend 255 hours in class work and 90 hours in field placement. Class work is made up of the courses psycho-social dimensions of aging, biological dimensions of aging, assessment for programming planning and program planning, while field practice is divided into three areas, one-on-one sessions with senior citizens, community work and working in an institutional setting.

The proposed program is designed for people working with senior citizens, but holding a certificate rather than a diploma. This course will operate in the same way but with 180 class hours and 60 hours of field placement. The work curriculum is the same except that Introduction to Adult Learning is substituted for Program Plannning.

Mr. Baddeley said this area has a very large number of senior citizens. He was encouraged to hear that a number of agencies in the community have reported that Gerontology-Multidiscipline (post diploma) students has already had a very positive impact in the institutions where they are working.

JACQUELINE ROBARTS

X-mas wishes from Jackie

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, sent a Christmas message to everyone at Niagara College.

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and staff a very Merry Christmas and a happy 1985," she said.

"I hope as the New Year dawns that each one of you will see some of your dreams become realities and that it will be a good year for all of us at Niagara College."

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Dreaming of a white Christmas

Thoughts of dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh disappeared as last week's snow left the ground. This year's Christmas may be green. Some may appreciate the warmer weather, but many children will go to bed Christmas Eve wondering how Santa's sleigh works without snow.

Photo by Sandra Lockhart

Poisonous poinsettia

At Christmas, a tropical shrub with large scarlet leaves makes its appearance everywhere.

The first poinsettia in the United States was brought to California by Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American diplomat.

The shrub originated in Mexico and some grow 10 feet tall.

Under the scarlet leaves of the Christmas flower are tiny yellow flowers. The top leaves can be bright red, pink or white; the bottom leaves are green, and stems contain a milky juice.

The plant is poisonous and should be placed out of the reach of young children and pets.

In cool regions they are grown in greenhouses, and grow outdoors in Mexico, Guatemala and South America.

The flowering plant requires a minimum temperature of 60 degrees and cannot tolerate drafts.

Delicate and beautiful, the poinsettia is a welcome addition to Christmas and can be found displaying its beauty in homes and offices all over the world.

RTV students do well running TV auction

Nine Niagara College radio and television students, including one graduate, literally "ran the show" for Gravenhurst's annual television auction this month.

The auction, broadcast Dec. 2 on Gravenhurst's cable station was "done just beautifully," Lionel Carter, auction chairman, said in a telephone interview. "They made our show become live and entertainment," which helped "retain viewers we might normally have lost."

The crew, supervised by program co-ordinator Larry Taylor, spent much of Saturday and Sunday setting up for the scheduled broadcast time of 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Cameras were set up, video tape machines put in place, and a host of other tasks performed including: checking wiring, setting up slides of each item on sale, preparation at the cable station and taking a portable camera out to do "spots" with local Rotarians.

It was the second time students from the program had been in charge of the show and Mr. Taylor said "they all performed 100 per cent." On Sunday they worked from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. "without a break," he said.

Mr. Taylor said that while each student was being assessed on their "general performance" if he were to assign grades "they'd all get 100 per cent. They really worked hard."

The group, including Mr. Taylor, eight students, one graduate, and four other faculty members, left early Saturday morning with "literally every piece of equipment we own."

They were put up at the Ontario Fire College where they were provided with meals and a place to sleep. All expenses were paid by the Rotary Club, including gasoline, meals and accommodation. "We were really treated well," Mr. Taylor said. Everyone was so "very enthusiastic."

Overall the show, which raised more than $14,000 for assorted charities, was "really good experience" for the students, Mr. Taylor said. He "hopes" they will be asked back next year to produce the auction.

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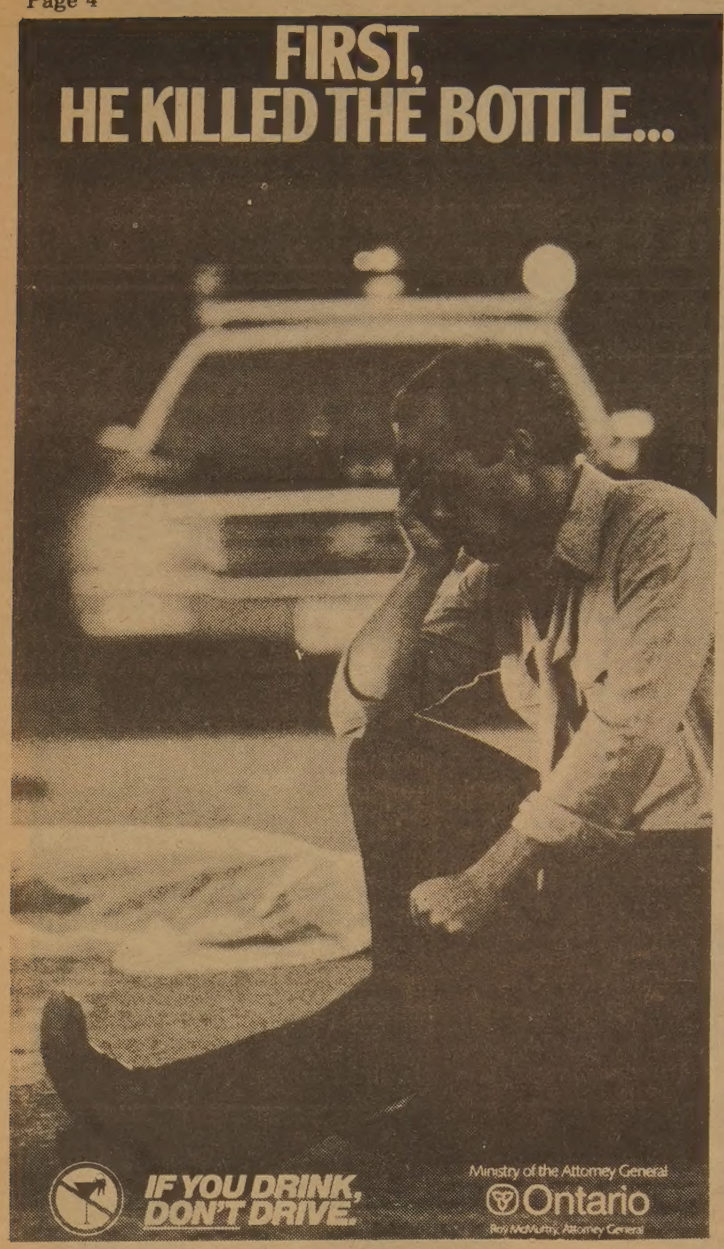

Editorial

Santa: Much more than gifts

Throughout December, we see him on a regular basis, in shopping malls, parades and on downtown streets. We recognize him as being the corner merchant whose stomach is inflated with pillows or the uncle who dressed the part to deliver gifts to his family.

He is the bearded man in the red suit who represents the spirit of Christmas.

With each toy under the trimmed tree and with each candy cane hung in the row of stockings, we know Santa exists. The act of giving and receiving emphasized by Santa stems from the birth of Christ.

As children rush to tear open gifts, we are reminded of a past Christmas when we did the same and we smile, thankful for Santa Claus.

He adds that little touch of magic to the season's beauty — perhaps inspired by the gift given on the first Christmas.

Perhaps Santa Claus has become a tradition for children as a reminder to all of the special Child who was born on that first Christmas.

The kind-hearted man in the Santa Claus suit at the malls may not be the real McCoy but he does promote the spirit of Christmas, kinship with others and happiness on the holiday.

On Christmas Eve, just before turning in for the night, take a peek outside your window. You just might catch a glimpse of a sleigh and eight reindeer pulling away from the rooftop and disappearing into the night.

Rene McKnight

Before you drink . . .

The Christmas season is a time when families and friends gather together to celebrate the year's most awaited holidays. For most adults, such as college students, alcohol is a large part of holiday festivities. It is sad, however, that something that is used to create cheer and happiness can instantly cause pain and anguish if used incorrectly or to excess.

People drink and drive throughout the year, but the holidays seem to be the time when police forces and the media concentrate their efforts on reducing the number of alcohol-related accidents. Hard-hitting television ads on the subject rely on a person's conscience to stop him from drinking and driving. . . not always a good bet.

The RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program, with its roadside spot checks, is an effective deterrent. People seem to react more to the threat of fines, licence suspensions and jail terms than they do to the thought of injuring or killing an innocent person.

If people take the time to arrange a safe, sober ride home from a party and pass on having "one for the road," chances are they will not become "one for the books."

Shaun Smith

Decorations 'well worth it'

For the city of St. Catharines, decorating its downtown core for the Christmas season is an expensive but worthwhile tradition.

Jack Rothwell, superintendent of parks, said the total cost for brightening up the city will be $11,000. "It is a rather expensive proposition, but well worth it."

The Christmas lights were turned on for the first time on Friday, Dec. 7, and will remain lit until one week into the New Year.

The decorations, mainly on St. Paul Street, include wreaths with candles lit up in the middle and can be seen on every lamppost on the street. The green, gold and red decorations certainly add that "Christmas touch," he said.

Mr. Rothwell said as superintendent he receives a lot of positive response from citizens thanking the city for their efforts.

Bullpit

'Outrageous' Xmas movie destroys Santa's image

By TAMMY DOLLAR
Staff Writer

Snuggled in their beds on Christmas Eve, youngsters dream about the presents they will receive the next morning. Presents that Santa Claus, the kind, jolly, bearded old man, placed with such care under their Christmas trees.

But this year, the most outrageous horror movie, Silent Night, Deadly Night has "scared the hell" out of young children and in all probability will ruin Christmas for a large number of youngsters, and adults, too.

This movie has parents across the country picketing theatres in protest and disgust. This kind of rubbish could destroy the beloved image children have of Santa Claus forever.

Although the movie is restricted, the TV commercials and movie posters could be damaging to a lot of little kids.

As a child walking by a movie theatre, observing a poster of Santa heading down a chimney with a bloody weapon in his hand, I'd have second thoughts about wanting him to schuss down my chimney Christmas Eve.

The TV commercial depicts a disturbed boy growing up into a maniacal killer on the loose. He dresses in a Santa Claus suit and runs amok with an axe, knife and gun.

The commercial does state "he thinks he's Santa Claus, but he's not." Scared children are not going to be rational or take the time to comprehend the statement when they think Santa Claus is going to butcher them on Christmas Eve.

The movie itself is plain bloody. It zooms into brutal and bloody close-ups of victims murdered with an arrow, a razor, pick hammer, antlers of a stuffed moose, shards of a shattered plateglass window, and other cruel weapons.

This movie could screw up Christmas for a lot of little kids, just to satisfy the pocket books of its sick creators and horror buffs who would actually pay to go see such trash. Does a moment of terror warrant ruining the festivity of Christmas?

Focus on Christmas toys

Santa Claus knows best for Christmas success

by JANET BRADLEY
Staff Writer

Bewildered, Grandma steps back and stares helplessly at row upon row of brightly colored rag dolls and muscle-bound warriors. Then, just as she's about to retreat to the land of socks and underwear, two professional Santa mummies come to the rescue filling Grandma in on this year's toy land lingo.

Further down the mall, sitting high upon his throne, gazing out onto his magical kingdom, the Pen Centre, Santa Claus waves and wishes all a Merry Christmas.

A line of children with shy smiles and wide eyes waits impatiently to tell the man in red their Christmas wishes.

Walk through any department store this spending season and you will find at least one lost soul who doesn't know Santa's secrets for Christmas morning success.

So who better to ask for advice than Santa Claus himself?

SANTA SAYS

The Pen Centre Santa said Gobots, Transformers, and Masters of the Universe figures, particularly Heman and Skelator, are the most popular on his list for boys. Some younger boys are asking for Cabbage Patch Kids.

Santa suggested Cabbage Kids, My Little Pony, Care Bears, Barbies, Rainbow Brite, and Snuggle Bumms for girls.

Other popular toys for boys this year are GI Joe Action Figures, The A-Team figures and accessories and The Knight 2000 remote control car, while girls have their eyes on Strawberry Shortcake dolls, charmkins and an assortment of cuddly stuffed animals.

The older set, 11 years and up, boys and girls alike, want ghetto blasters, walkmans and records, records and more records.

Tonia, 3, Robbin, 5, and Adria, 6, wanted to ask Santa for Cabbage Patch Kids. Kimberly, 4, didn't agree with her peers' choice and specifically asked Santa for a "pliano." Santa hopes a piano will do.

Many parents will try to fill their children's lists but there are times when mum and dad just have to leave things to Santa's magic. Even Santa will have a hard time getting six-year-old Mandy her two front teeth.

Janet Bradley and friend.
Photo by Japan Camera Centre

Jordan, 4, aids fund

By
SHIRLEY LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

Jordan Church knows nothing of hunger and want. However, when he saw news reports of the famine in Ethiopia he offered to donate every penny he has.

Jordan will be five years old in January. He gave his piggy bank, unopened, to the Red Cross famine relief fund.

"I'd like to give my money to those people so they can buy some food," he told his mother, Erika Church, English instructor at Niagara College.

Her son was "very touched" by television coverage of the famine, Mrs. Church said. He asked his parents why so many people were hungry.

"We tried to explain," but she and her husband, Earl were not aware when Jordan left the room during one broadcast of what he intended to do.

He came back holding the piggy bank.

When Jordan's grandparents first arrived in Canada from the Ukraine, the Red Cross gave them $10 each. Mrs. Church hopes the piggy bank contains that exact amount.

Letter to the Editor

Most prefer quiet library

The Editor:

Recent comment has been made in the Niagara News regarding changes made over the past year in the library atmosphere. Your readers, especially first year students, should be aware of the fact that prior to this year the library had been a very noisy place that was not conducive to quiet study or research. It was quite common at one time to see footballs, frisbees, lunches and other items being hurled about the library, to the chagrin of those students and staff who were trying to study or read. It was even observed at one time that, for want of a more explicit description in this family newspaper, what I will call "co-educational extra-curricular activities" were common in the study carrels! Over the years, student writers have been critical of the noise level in the library and the Niagara News has publicized this fact.

Shortly after I was given responsibility for library operations, I was contacted by several faculty and students who deplored the raucous environment and felt that something should be done to curb the noise. Subsequently we made several changes, such as the installation of individual seating and the hiring of a security guard to assist library staff in keeping students quiet and watching out for vandalism. Over the last year many faculty and students have approached library staff to commend us on the changes. The majority of library users appreciate a quiet atmosphere in which to work and study. A very small minority consider our noise policy repressive.

With this background in mind, I would ask that any students who are critical of our policy direct their comments to me rather that the LRC staff or to the security guard. The LRC staff and security guard are only doing their jobs as directed by me; I hope that further criticisms will not be misdirected.

I would welcome discussion with any student who feels that a library should not be quiet.

Foster J. Zanutto
Director of Information Services

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BECKY HYATT

Cookin' a turkey (Grade 2 style)

Turkey has long been a traditional meal for Christmas. Members of Frances Roger's Grade 2 class at Holy Name School, Welland, were asked to part with their favorite recipes for preparing the yule turkey. Here's the answers in their own words...and spelling.

Becky Hyatt, 7: First I would go to the store and buy the turkey. Then I would put it on the counter. Next I would wash the turkey. Then I would stuff it. To make the stuffing you have to have a piece of turkey. Next I would put it in the oven for a half an hour. Then we are ready to serve the beautiful turkey to all of your company. And there you are! Know all you have to be is eat it! And that's all.

Danny DiCato, 7: First I would have to cut the turkey open and Then I have to tak ot The guts. and Then I have to put The Turkey in the oven and Wen I tak it ot Im going to et it.

Emilio Spinosa, 7: First I would pull the feathers oof. And I would stuff it. And then put salt and garlic. And then cook it.

Nicole Mercier, 7: Frst I would go to buy a turkey. then I would soak it in some cool water. I put on the oven at 500 and cook it for about a half an hour. then I would make The stuffing. The stuffing is made out of bread some garlic salt and pepper. then I would cut some onions get a plate and put the onions on it. I cut some peppers then I put them on too. then I make the gravey. Then I take the turkey out of the oven. Then I put the stuffing in. Then I sew it up. Then I serve it. Then you eat it.

Jennifer Brochu, 7: First I would bi the turkey. then I would open the turkey. Next if you wont to stuff the turkey You can. if You don't won to stuff it You don't have to. Next You put the turkey under the sink. then You can put garlic pepper on it. You can put alot of things on it then You put it in the oven forabot two hours. then You take it ot of the oven. Next serve it. then You eat it.

Kelly Carlo, 7: fist I would let The Turkey's blood out then I would rinse it then I would mex the stuffing then I would get the Turkey's Hole and put the stuffing in. Next I would sew it up. Next I would put pepper in Next I would put garlic in and seasonings Next pepper and onions Next meike gravey out of a package and put it in to the oven for a hour. Next out. Next cut

Lorna McParland: First I would buy it. Then I would open it. Then I would cut a hole in it. Then I would stuff it. Next I would stitch it up. I made my stuffing out of a box of bread and celery. Then I would put it on a plate and cover it. Next I would put it in the oven for ten minutes. Then I would take it out. Next I would serve it.

Jimmy Zomok, 7: First I would clean the Turkey. Then I would clean all the bones out of the inside. Then I would put it in the oven to cook. When it is ready I would put it on a plate and serve it to the people so that all the people can eat it.

Kristine Dinga, 7: First I would soak it in water and put stuffing then put it in the oven for a half an hour then I take it out of the oven I put ptadows and salad with it too then I serve it. then they gege you the mouny. then the family gos. I like Turkey.

Stephen Valovich, 7: First I would buy the turkey. Then I would let the turkey thaw out. Then I would stuff the turkey. Next I would have to sew the turkey. And then I would cook the turkey. It would take two hours to cook. My stuffing is made out of bread.

Kevin Reles, 7: First I would take the guts out and then I will Put it into the microwave then I will cook it for ten minutes.

Andrew Sniegocki, 7: First I would buy the turkey. Then I would chop the fat off of the turkey. Then I would wash the turkey. Then I would make a hole in the turkey and put stuffing in the turkey. Then I would fill up the hole. Then I would wash the turkey again. Next I would put the turkey in the oven and keep the turkey in the oven for a half and hour. Next I would serve the turkey to the people.

The other gourmet cooks in Mrs. Roger's class who submitted recipes are: Kevin Andrusyk, Anthony Belcamino, Willie Beres, Andrea Buonocore, Kristen Kandyba, Jennifer Kyle, Loris Lucchetta, Jaime Maddalena, Steven Manners, Carl McNicoll, David Moscato, Lisa Popovich, Stefanie Purdie, Matthew Ramella, Shawna Saitti, Julieann Scodellaro, Luigi Sorbara, Jonathan Svazas.

Merry Christmas

ANDREW SNIEGOCKI

Grade 8 students successful at gettin' the bird in the oven?

Some Grade 8 students at Holy Name School were asked to come up with gourmet recipes for cooking a turkey after it was learned that the Grade 2 students were to give their versions. Readers should read these submissions carefully before hurrying to the kitchen to try them.

Susan Kandyba: You sit there for him to come home. Then you take the turkey and let it sit for about an hour for it to thaw, (if frozen). Open him up from rear end and clean him out, then when he's all nice and squeaky clean you run some cold water in and out of him. Pluck hairs from his back wash again, pat him dry with towel put oil on him so he tans nicely. Put stuffing in through rear end and neck, sew him up, tuck legs in side, put in pot, let cook and smell your lovely turkey!

Meaghan Stranges: I wouldn't know what to do if I ever had to prepare a turkey. I think you start off by carving inside the turkey and take out all the parts. Before you even do that you have to make the stuffing. Then when you have carved the insides you put the stuffing in. Then you put the turkey inside the oven and every so often you check it until the turkey gets brown. Or maybe you baste it with barbecue sauce. I think that's what they show on TV.

Rosaleen Murphy: First of all you would have to thaw the turkey. While you are waiting for it to thaw you would make your stuffing. To make stuffing, our ingredients are bread crumbs, spices and I think some potatoes. After that is made you would stuff the turkey, maybe put some paprika or some other sort of spice on it and put it in the oven. The oven should be at about 400 to 450 degrees and keep it in for about three to four hours. To check to see if it is cooked you could stick a little metal thing in it but I forget what it is called. After it is cooked, serve it with whatever you like.

Brent McCombs: The way I would prepare a turkey is probably not right, but here it goes; First I would go to the store and find a good sized bird, buy it and bring it home. Next I would make the stuffing using bread crumbs and other stuff. Next I would remove all the interior stuff. (The Guts). Fourth, I would put basting sauce on it, put it in the oven and let it cook at 500 degrees for three hours, take it out and feed it to the dog.

Man's suffering ends at healing service

By DAVE SMITH
Staff Writer

Since he was seven years old Gord Hunt had been almost totally deaf. Eight months ago, during a visit to a St. Catharines church, he was healed.

While attending a mid-week healing service at Central Gospel Temple last March, Mr. Hunt, 37, a student at Welland Vale, said that while the pastor was speaking on healing, the Lord cured him and restored his hearing.

"I felt a warmth come over my left ear," he said. "Then it just opened up." He felt a special presence around him and no-one was touching him. Other problems that he had at the time, such as a speech defect and alcoholism, were also cured then.

Mr. Hunt, who believes in miracles of any kind, said he was living in Abbotsford, B.C., when he found Jesus. God told him to face up to the consequences and return to the realities he had tried to run away from in his hometown of St. Catharines. "I found Christ and from that time on the Lord just turned things around."

The Lord took away many of his fears, he said, and gave him faith in himself and the strength to move forward.

Mr. Hunt's own predicament ended after 30 years filled with trial and torment, but the Born Again Christian said that through the love of God, his faith began to build and strengthen him.

The deafness that struck Mr. Hunt began when he was a child. "I was a very sick boy," he said. High fevers caused scar tissue to form over his ear drums and left him totally deaf in his left ear and 45 per cent deaf in his right ear.

Mr. Hunt wore a hearing aid from the time he was seven till 14. The children at school were "very cruel" and taunted and picked on him because of his hearing aid. By 16, he had learned sign language and taught himself to read lips.

A port in the storm of life for transients

By GREG GRIBBLE
Staff Writer

Dressed in clothing more appropriate for 1975 and wearing the face of an experienced but tired traveller, the man studied the room. Hopes of spotting somebody with a pack of cigarettes or a pouch of tobacco in a breast pocket was a pleasant thought – but optimistic, and, in the end, unrewarded.

This man is all too familiar with the feeling of being out of money and cigarettes, as are many of the men who frequent this hostel in St.Catharines run by the Salvation Army.

This is Teddy, a 42-year-old native of Simcoe, Ontario, although he has no place to call home now.

Teddy lives where work or fate might take him. "I might move on to California next," he said. "I like to wake up in the morning and walk around with my shirt off and besides there's not much work around here now that the fruit picking season is over."

Sometimes transients go south to the United States during the winter months. Teddy, who has travelled as far as Florida and Texas, avoids the cold winter months and also gets the chance to earn some extra money by working on the fruit farms, especially during the orange harvest.

The mention of winter makes him wince. Winter is not one of his favorite seasons because he has to have a place at night and sometimes the hostels are full. He said you can just sleep outside on the grass in the summer. Then he smiles and says he knows a spot on St. Paul Street under a staircase, "you just crawl underneath, lie down and pull your coat over your head."

Teddy enjoys going south because he likes to travel and see the country. He gets to most of his destinations by train. Though this may not seem unusual, Teddy does not travel in first class or even in the economy section. He rides in the freight cars, sometimes for periods of up to five days.

Although Teddy does not have much, he does have his pride. "I can still bench press 310 pounds and do a hard day's work; I'm not burned out yet."

The Salvation Army takes in a large amount of funds at Christmas.
Photo By Tammy Dollar

The Salvation Army, an international religious and charitable organization, is dedicated to helping people in need of spiritual and material assistance all over the world.

Major Harold Rideout, administrator of the men's hostel at 184 Church St. for the past year, says its main purpose is to supply temporary food and shelter for homeless and transient men who might not be able to afford it at any other place.

The hostel can give shelter to 44 men and is usually full. Rates are reasonable, ranging from $38 a week for private rooms to $2.50 a night for a bed in the dormitory. Meals are also inexpensive, from $1.60 for breakfast to $2.15 for supper. Although these are the suggested rates, Major Rideout said, "Only one quarter of the men can afford to pay." The rest either stay for free or are sponsored by an organization like Social Services.

Many of the men are either out of work or only working part-time. Major Rideout said that when Niagara's fruit harvest begins, the hostel is usually full, housing many of the workers.

These hostels are operated by donations and funds generated within the organization. They are run by employees and volunteers who supervise the building on a 24-hour basis. With the help of these people, and members of the Salvation Army the homeless men are provided with extra benefits like Christmas dinner and even a present to open.

The rules at the hostel are strict, but usually enforced without any problems. They prohibit alcohol or drugs; the doors are locked at 11:30 p.m. Anybody arriving late or under the influence of alcohol is not permitted to enter. Major Rideout said the hostel staff have good relations with the police and it helps to keep things in control.

"I live day to day. As long as I have enough money for cigarettes I'm all right," Teddy said. He looked around the room once more trying to locate a cigarette. He rose slowly and crossed the room, returning empty handed.

"That's fine, I'll remember this when somebody asks me for a smoke. I remember everything, I've got a memory like an elephant."

RIDE stopping drunk drivers during the Christmas season

By DAVE SMITH
Staff Writer

Since the Niagara Regional Police's Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program started last Dec. 6, 334 vehicles have been stopped.

Of those stopped by the middle of last week, Staff Sergeant Carson Ford, community relations officer, said 16 12-hour licence suspensions had been given out and 22 people had been arrested for alcohol offences.

RIDE, the police's effort to battle drinking and driving, will be out in full force during the Christmas season. "We operate when there are more reasons for individuals to be celebrating," Sgt. Ford said.

The program, which originated in Los Angeles in 1975, was brought to the Niagara Region by the chief of police in 1979 due to "the high fatality rate the year previous." Sgt. Ford said that roughly 56 per cent of all fatal accidents are alcohol-related.

IT'S WORKING

Sgt. Ford said the program is working. The fatality rate during the month of December has markedly decreased since RIDE started five years ago. He said some bars are starting to provide rides for intoxicated patrons "and they haven't ever done that before."

There are 12 cruisers with the large RIDE signs to cover the entire Niagara Region although Sgt. Ford said there are also 102 without signs that will be doing exactly the same thing. " We set up in places with previous knowledge of accidents involving drinking and driving."

Police are also supplying free of charge a videotape dealing with drinking and driving. Sgt. Ford said that it has been well received by both teachers and students. Copies can be obtained by calling the police station.

SEASONAL ADVICE

If you are going out celebrating or going to a party this season and do drink, Sgt. Ford said do not drive home. " When individuals are going out, make sure one of them doesn't drink, or set aside a driver for a ride home."

Even with RIDE out until Jan. 1, it is a good idea to drive defensively. "There's always going to be an individual out there who's going to drink and drive," Sgt. Ford said. "We can't get them all."

It all comes down to knowing your own limitations when it comes to alcohol and trying not to exceed it. "We're not telling people not to drink," Sgt. Ford said. "We're telling them not to drink and drive."

Transport in Falls

In Niagara Falls the Pickwick Lounge and Rumours do not have plans to provide transportration home for possibly impaired drivers over the holiday season. But "it is something to think about," the Pickwick manager said.

Rumours' manager John Tennier said there are rooms available in the hotel for "anybody who wants to use them."

Mike Hamilton at The Library in Niagara Falls, N.Y., said the standing policy there is that patrons "don't leave the building drunk." If a customer is "not with friends and not straightened out with food and coffee, he gets home at The Library's expense."

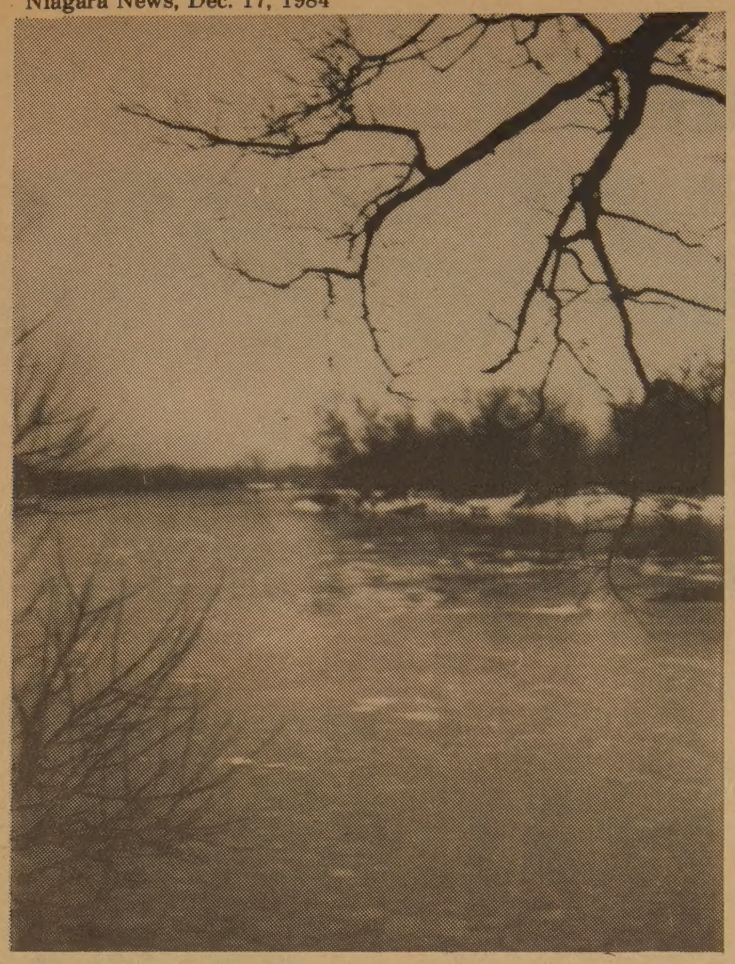
News Santa Fund an early success

After three days into the campaign, the Niagara News Santa Fund has raised more than $130. The Texas Mickey raffle tickets have been selling like hot cakes, while the patrons of the mini-caf have been more than generous.

Do not forget the bake sale by the second-year journalism students this Thursday in the foyer adjacent to the library, at noon.

Larger donations should not be left in the various collection tins but may be dropped off in the news room.

The News Santa Fund is to ensure some needy children in the area have presents Christmas morning. If the first three days are any indication, this goal will be achieved.



Winter on the river

Old Man Winter let everyone know that he's on his way when he laïd a blanket of snow across the region. Though the thin layer of ice which cover the water still remain, there are only traces of his white powder left. With Christmas just around the corner, let's hope he returns soon.

Photo by Rene McKnight

Melissa was only three . . .

By VALERIE SCOTT
Staff Writer

Melissa's favorite stuffed toy animals sit undisturbed on top of her white dresser gathering dust. Their unblinking eyes stare at the bedroom door, seemingly waiting for Melissa to come home and play.

But Melissa is never coming home. Three-year-old Melissa has been dead for more than five years because she was killed by a drunk driver.

"It's especially hard before Christmas," Leslie, Melissa's mother who asked for anonymity, said. "Melissa was at the age where she became enthralled at the idea of Santa Claus. She was always asking me questions about his reindeer... stuff like that."

On a warm August night in 1979, Leslie went to work and left Melissa at home with a babysitter. She gave Melissa a kiss on the forehead and said good-bye. "I had no idea that it would be the last kiss I'd give my baby," Leslie said.

Playing

Melissa was playing with her friend, Mark, in the sand which had collected beside the curb on their U-shaped residential street, when a car going about 60 miles per hour lost control as it rounded the corner. The car, driven by 18-year-old Peter J., slammed head-on into a parked car — crushing Melissa between the two cars. Melissa died instantly from massive head, neck and internal injuries, Leslie said.

"The police told me the driver was very drunk and was slightly injured...he banged his head or something," she said. "I think the idiot was charged with criminal negligence (causing death) and impaired driving."

Leslie isn't sure what the driver was sentenced to. "I think he was fined, spent about seven months in jail and later went to a rehabilitation centre to dry out."

Legislation

Federal Justice Minister John Crosbie promised to bring in legislation before Christmas that would set a maximum 14-year jail sentence and a 10-year suspension for impaired drivers who cause death.

At the Conference on Drinking Countermeasures at the Royal York Hotel on Nov. 26, Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry said fines should start at $500 or higher, depending on the circumstances of the case, and added that jail sentences should not be ruled out for first offenders.

Jail sentences are rarely imposed now on first offenders unless there is a death. It is estimated that for every drinking and driving charge, impaired drivers get away with 26,000 kilometres on Canada's roads.

"I'm glad the government is finally doing something constructive," Leslie said. "They've finally realized that innocent people and their family's lives are being ripped apart."

The five years since Melissa's death "haven't been easy" for Leslie, now 26, who is slowly putting her life back together. As an unwed mother at 17, she had to quit school and work as a waitress after Melissa was born.

"When Melissa was killed, I though it was God's way of punishing me for having a baby outside of marriage," Leslie said. "I realize that was silly of me now, but that is how depressed and screwed up I became."

Two years ago Leslie sought professional help and is still under the care of psychiatrist. Now she works as a bank teller and "I see a future for me now." She is an avid supporter of organizations which are against drinking drivers.

Leslie said she hasn't seen the film Make Sure It Isn't You, a dramatic $110,000 movie made for Attorney-General Roy McMurtry's stepped-up campaign against drinking drivers.

"Shock tactics scare people for a little while but once the gory scenes are erased from their minds with booze, they're behind the wheel again," Leslie said. "His (Mr. McMurty's) intentions are well meant, but they utterly miss the target."

Change

Researchers at a conference sponsored by the Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto said individual behavior and social attitudes about drinking must change. Studies show figures dipped slightly in 1969 when the breathalyzer and spot-check programs were introduced. The impact of those changes was small and short-lived. Once the publicily again.

Since 1971, one-sixth of the drivers in Canada — about two million out of 12 million — have been convicted of impaired driving. Up to half of them have an alcohol dependancy which is one of the reasons that laws alone can't solve the problem, researchers said.

Most of Melissa's toys have been packed away in boxes, save for the ones on top of her white dresser. Five years of dust and five years of waiting, if only people had the sober wisdom of stuffed toy animals.

Gallery shows local art

By JENA TRYFIAK
Staff Writer

Original paintings, soapstone and metal sculpture, pottery works, and blown glass are just some of the pieces on display at the Sparrow Gallery, a showcase for Canadian talent, in Welland.

The gallery and art shop, 169 West Main St., is owned and operated by Donna Finnigan, a Welland artist. Ms. Finnigan, 31, can often be found creating wildlife sculptures of stone, wood, and clay in her studio, located within the gallery.

All works are by Canadian artists, many of them from the Niagara region, including Welland, Pelham, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Ms. Finnigan worked hard at gathering the works together.

"I expected more artists to come forward. I had to chase them down."

But they are happy to have a forum for their work, since the only other gallery is the Windpoppy in Pelham, she said.

FOR SALE

Ms. Finnigan accepts prints and paintings, properly mounted and framed, on consignment and offers them for sale.

"The YMCA held an art auction recently, an similar prints sold for $100 to $150 more than here," she said. "People are afraid to come in here because they think it's expensive."

The Sparrow Gallery, named after Ms. Finnigan's favorite bird, the white-throated sparrow, opened July, 1984. George McLean, a world-renowned wildlife painter was there to mark the official opening

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Jam'n'Jazz

By JENA TRYFIAK
Staff Writer

In the spirit of the season, the Niagara College Jazz Band gave their annual free Christmas concert, in the Hamilton Room on Dec. 10.

The enthusiastic and energetic performance included a selection of traditional Christmas songs, interspersed with classic jazz and blues tunes.

Before the show, Laura Thomas, director of the band, presented a portrait of the group to Gail Hilyer, director of continuing education. On behalf of the band, she thanked the faculty of the college for their help and support.

There was an excellent turn-out for the performance. Young and old alike enjoyed the music and showed their appreciation with a standing ovation. Ms. Thomas thanked everyone for coming, and joked that some of the past shows weren't quite as well-attended. She said they did one show for an audience of three — her mother, the wife of Bill Stevens, tenor sax player, and Bea Clark, manager, continuing education.

An impromptu performance by Sunday Jam, a group of young musicians from St. Catharines Collegiate, was as much a joy for the crowd as for Niagara's Jazz Band. Unfortunately, they were located on the mezzanine of the Hamilton Room, and could be heard but not seen.

One of the Jazz Band's biggest and most loyal fans is Brandy Noble, 11, daughter of Greg Noble, solo trumpeter. She sat in the front row, all smiles, clapping loudly.

"I come to lots of their concerts. They're just great," she exclaimed.

Pinocchio packs'em

Peter Eberhardt has been delighting packed audiences at the Theatre Centre. Members of the makeup crew are shown here adjusting the top hat he doffs as he dances, sings and tells the story of Pinocchio.

Director Di Nyland-Proctor asked for and got a story-book fantasy from Theatre Centre faculty and students.

Pinocchio is at the centre until Dec. 20.

Oops

The Niagara News review of the Theatre Centre's Christmas production of Pinocchio in the Dec. 10 edition praised the ingenuity of those who succeeded in the tricky task of making Pinocchio's nose grow whenever he tells a lie. Unfortunately, we gave credit to the property department, instead of those involved in makeup.

Anne of Green Gables mixes idealism, hilarity

By KEN GOUDSWAARD
Staff Writer

With her carrot-colored pigtails trailing in her wake, she sings and dances with unbridled spirit, throwing caution to the wind, in her search for love and happiness.

The girl, of course, is Anne of Green Gables, whose musical adventure was put on by Garden City Productions on Dec. 6. Directed and choreographed by "Mr. Musical Comedy," Alan Lund, Anne is the story of youthful sparkle that refuses to be shackled by inhibition.

Anne, played by Debbie Wolf, is an orphan girl who is mistakenly sent to Matthew Cuthbert and his spinster sister, Marilla, in place of the boy they wanted to help with the farm.

As they haven't the heart to tell her the truth, Anne is overjoyed at the prospect of staying with them.

Matthew, impressively portrayed by Jim Cooper, whose soft spoken demeanor in one of "eating humble pie," takes Anne to heart and often must console her when youthful energy leads her astray.

The play has many exhilarating dance numbers that work in harmony and careful constraint within the framework of the play.

"My life is a perfect graveyard of broken hopes" says a melancholy Anne. "I always say that when I'm in the depths of despair." One can't help but think of a young Katharine Hepburn when Anne speaks in her lofty quivering voice. A precocious child too big for her boots, Anne embodies all the zest and passion that make us feel young.

Fine cast

A fine supporting cast keeps the play going at a breakneck pace. Jean Wesley, as Marilla Cuthbert, and Janice Alton, as Rachel Lynde, deserve praise for their outstanding acting and singing.

The play is very much the story of young people dreaming about the future. It contains hilarious idealism, evident when Dianne, Anne's best friend, says "I hope to marry a wicked young man and eventually reform him." Dianne, played by Anne Mantini, acts as a sounding board for the wild fantasies that Anne concocts.

Guest director Alan Lund first unveiled this musical masterpiece at the Charlottetown Festival in 1965. Since 1968 he has been artistic director of the festival, helping to give it a reputation for being the home of Canada's finest musicals. Mr. Lund has previously directed and choreographed Camelot, Happy and Glorious, On With The Show, and the first Ann of Green Gables in 1976 for Garden City Productions.

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Students cook Xmas lunch

Students of the advanced food preparation course at Welland Vale put what they have learned into practical use when they held a Christmas lunch last Wednesday.

Barbara Fonfara, administrative assistant, said lunch was a very good opportunity for the students "to put into practice what they are learning" in their courses.

For $3 each, the group was presented with a menu of supreme of chicken kiev, chateau potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, tomato provincial and Caesar salad. The dessert was strawberry shortcake.

The 40-week preparation course is taught by John McCabe.

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Sts. Cyril and Methodius

Nighttime falls on Sts. Cyril and Methodius Greek Orthodox Church, Dieppe Road, St. Catharines. For its parishioners, who employ the Julian Calendar, Christmas falls on Jan. 7. The church itself, an area landmark, is just a little bit older than 42 years. Photo by John Perkins

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Vivid, colorful displays reflect excitement

Stereos, 'ski '84, fall fashions, and the comforts of Christmas. These are a few of the topics which have been presented this term in a vividly colorful way.

They are the window displays carefully prepared by second year marketing and retail students in the Merritt building.

Vince Audibert, an instructor of the course, feels the quality of the window displays reflect the excitement the students feel about the assignment. "It is one of the few projects that the students appreciate doing because it is tangible and there is an end product."

The students are all required to do a window display which is worth 30 per cent of their retail course mark.

The students are told that a display is the art of communicating with the consumer visually to get attention, interest, desire and action. Keeping this in mind, the group must decide exactly what message they want their display to relay. This message and a display outline is then given to the instructor in the form of a pre-installation report so that it may be verified and acknowledged.

Keeping in mind that they must choose a theme which is interesting and appealing, the students make the appropriate arrangements in order to obtain the materials they need. Equipment, clothing, props and a suitable background setting must be found and prepared.

The students who work in groups of threes and fours, contact store managers in an attempt to borrow materials. The establishments are usually quite co-operative and may even offer some helpful suggestions.

A display is prepared by the students on the weekend and kept in for a week. Along with the display the group must also prepare a post-installation display in the form of a formal business report. In this a copy of a thank you letter is included, along with a short essay discussing benefits they received in doing the display.

Students aid in successful pilot project

Third-year marketing students were out in the working world for two weeks this fall in a pilot project, their first organized work experience.

The 20 students in the program were placed at a variety of firms throughout the college area from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2. Atlas Steel, TRW, the Fort Erie Times Review and Creative Advertising were among them.

To place the students, Larry Cote, program co-ordinator, contacted more than 100 firms. "The students assisted me greatly in finding employers. Without their help, I never would have been able to accomplish it."

Reports from the employers were positive about the program and particularly about the students, Mr. Cote said. Most students were equally positive.

As a result of its success, the project is to become a regular part of the program.

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By CAROL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Some of the best times start with a knife and fork and a pleasant atmosphere.

Darne de saumon grillee and paupiettes de boeuf were the main course entrees served with lavish care and preparation by the students of the hotel and restaurant administration program Dec. 6.

The French menu included the delicious salmon steak garnished in melted butter; rolled beef strips stuffed with chopped pork smothered in gravy, and butter shaped in tiny rose buds — main course that would tempt the taste buds of anyone's palate.

Every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the students of the three-year program practise their skills in both food preparation and dining room and beverage service for the general public at the Rainbow Hotel Centre, Niagara Falls. On Wednesday evenings, dinners are provided by the cook apprenticeship program.

BEGINS WITH

The menu began with oeuf mayonnaise (salad topped with sliced eggs and mayonnaise) and soupe a l'oignon (French onion soup under floating swiss and parmesan cheese melted in French bread).

Desserts from the trolley included apple flan, open face pie with apricot glaze; apple-glazed lady fingers; cake with whipped cream, and delicate pastry layered with pudding and topped with icing.

A variety of drinks were made at the bar, and coffee concluded a magnificent meal at a cost of only $8 per person.

Each portion of the dinner was served individually by one student assigned to each table.

"We have people come from out of town for our dinners," John Peacock, co-ordinator of the program, said.

About 12 tables seating two to six people were adorned with white linen table cloths and vases of long stemmed red roses. Not one seat was left empty.

NEED RESERVATIONS

"We must have advance reservations," Mr. Peacock said. "We never like to turn people away at the door."

A different menu is served each week and made especially for the public. Food preparation for the evening dinners begins in the afternoon.

Mrs. V. Gorham, secretary at Orchard Park School, Niagara Falls, said she often dines at the Hotel Centre with family and friends, and has always enjoyed the dinners and individual service given by the students.

More than 30 guests attended the dinner Thursday night to compliment the students, who are learning to be professionals in all aspects of hotel and restaurant administration.

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SPORTS

In-bound blunder bounces Knights

Mizette Critelli has had happier birthdays than the one on Friday, Dec. 7.

Saskia Vriend's last-second shot went through the hoop with no time left on the clock to give George Brown College a 54-52 win over the women Knights basketball team.

Miss Crittelli lost last year's championship game on the same kind of play, but Friday's defeat was typical of the Knights' play all evening.

With the game tied at 52-52, George Brown was called for travelling in the Niagara end, but the referee and the scorer failed to hear the other referee's call and the clock ran out. A meeting, held by the two referees, resulted in Niagara gaining possession of the ball at their side of centre with two seconds on the clock.

An in-bounds pass by Niagara was thrown over the head of the intended target and bounced out of bounds on the other side of the court. Possession was turned over to George Brown who in-bounded the ball to Saskia Vriend who scored the final two of her 24 points.

"We were lucky to be in the game," Miss Critelli said; "we played a better second half, but not anywhere near what we play like usually."

INTO LEAD

George Brown jumped into a 9-0 lead before Niagara scored their first basket. The Knights closed to within a few points at 17-11 and 21-18 before ending the half with a foul shot to make the score 29-19 George Brown.

The Knights scored six straight points to open the second half to close the gap to 29-25 but turnovers and bad passing by Niagara allowed George Brown to go ahead 40-31.

AHEAD BRIEFLY

Niagara took the lead for the only time in the game with a little more than a minute left, but Jenny Russell scored two foul shots with 15 seconds left to tie the game, and set the stage for Saskia Vriend's game-winning shot.

"The fact that we came within two points of George Brown despite the type of inconsistent effort that we gave is pleasing to me," Miss Critelli said. "George Brown didn't play that well on Friday night either, but I'm pleased that seven different players scored."

Saskia Vriend scored 24 points and Jenny Russell 12 for George Brown and Rose DiMarco and Cheryl Anderson each scored 19 points to pace the Niagara attack.

Rose DiMarco throws the ball up for two of her 19 points as Nancy Mather (5) and Cheryl Anderson (14) await a possible rebound. The Knights lost to George Browm 54-52 as a long shot by Saska Vriend went through the hoop with no time remaining on the clock.

Photo by Thomas Stockwell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Newest New York Yankee Rickey Henderson was born Christmas Day, 1958. Henderson's new contract makes him the highest paid major leaguer.

Beat Bonnies 9-6

Knights cling to win

The Niagara Knights hockey team jumped out to a 9-2 lead and managed to hang on and beat defending champion St. Bonaventure 9-6 on Dec. 8 in Welland.

Although they held on for the victory, moving their record to 6-1, coach Fred Bassi said giving St. Bonaventure the last four goals of the game may work against the Knights when they play in their rink in Olean, N.Y.

Niagara showed the effects of a very aggressive, quick- skating game in the third period when they began to take penalties. The Knights took a total of 36 minutes for the game but had 14 in the final period. Bassi said since St. Bonaventure is the fastest in the league you have to "neutralize their speed" with aggressive play. It works fine, he said, if you play disciplined hockey and avoid dumb penalties.

Bassi also said the great amount of emotion the team showed because it was against the defending champions helped, but said too much emotion can hinder a team. "Players go beyond their capabilities when they play on emotion, and injuries start to happen."

WORST SCENE

The worst scene of the game happened in the third period when St. Bonaventure, who took a total of 26 penalty minutes, began to get frustrated. Mike Wagner of Niagara was slashed by St. Bonaventure captain Tom Morrissey. Morrissey left the game with a 10-minute misconduct under a shower of yells from the crowd.

Bassi said the team showed "killer instinct" and took advantage of their chances. He said they were fortunate to hit on the shots they had on a "supposedly all-star goalie" because they were outshot 46-32, 18-8 in the third period.

Craig Smith, with the hat trick, and Todd Sneider scored for Niagara in the third before St. Bonaventure came close with goals by Dune Zieller, Don Wilkins, and two by Chris Onlufuller. Other scorers for the Knights were: Dennis Iamarino, Chris Barry, Bob Barker, Gary Kukoly and Mike Wagner. Mike Fischer and San Farace were other scorers for St. Bonaventure.

Bassi said Niagara allowed St. Bonaventure several odd man breaks because three men were always in forechecking, causing them to get caught up ice. St. Bonaventure could have had more breaks if it hadn't been for the good forechecking of the Knights and the tough defence they put up in front of goaltender Kevin Williams.

The coach gave credit to the referees for keeping the game under control the first two periods but said St. Bonaventure plays a "sneaky kind of hockey." "They'll slash our goalie and expect no retaliation."

The win stretched the Knights streak to one loss in the last 23 games at home.

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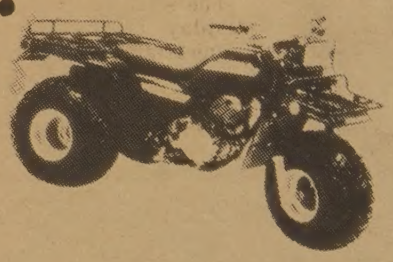
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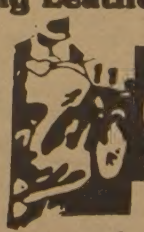
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